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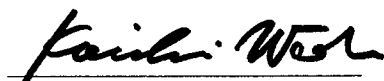
Sir:

Sony Corporation, the assignee of the full and entire right, title and interest in the  
above-mentioned Letters Patent by reason of an assignment from the inventor, recorded on  
February 8, 1995 at Reel 7386, Frame 881, hereby assents to the accompanying application to  
reissue same.

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Date: July 13, 2007

By:



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Deputy General Manager

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Wherefore I pray that I may be allowed to surrender the Letters Patent No.

5,703,646 granted December 30, 1997, whereof Sony Corporation, on whose behalf and with whose assent this application is made, is the sole owner, by Assignment, and that Letters Patent may be reissued to Sony Corporation for the same invention upon the attached specification.

I, the undersigned applicant, further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

  
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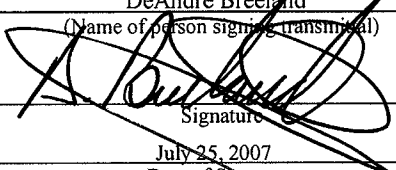
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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §3.73(B)**

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Sir:

The undersigned empowered to sign this Statement on behalf of the assignee, states that SONY CORPORATION, a corporation of Japan, is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventor of the parent application Serial No. 08/351,262 filed February 8, 1995, from which continuation application Serial No. 08/770,593 was filed which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,703,646 on December 30, 1997, upon which present application is a reissue thereof. The

assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark office on February 8, 1995 at Reel 7386,  
Frame 881.

The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent  
application identified above and, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in  
the assignee identified above.

Respectfully submitted,  
SONY CORPORATION

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